Written Script of Conversation Course - Lesson 18

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086. What... for...



I. EXAMPLES:

What is it for?

What did you say that for?

What do you need so much money for?

II. DIALOGUES:

A: Have you heard that my father is going to quit his job?

B: What would he do that for?

A: He said work is too hectic and that he needs a break.

B: What will he do to earn a living?

A: He said he would take a vacation for a while and then go into the carpentry business. He thinks it will be more relaxing.

B: Well, I hope he's happy.



087. What if...?



I. EXAMPLES:

What if it rains when we have no umbrella with us?

What if they are against us?

What if we get lost in the jungle?

What if they don't approve of our earning some money in our spare time?

II. DIALOGUES:

A: Did you hear the weather forecaster's prediction for rain tomorrow?

B: Yeah, but I never believe the weather reports because they are usually wrong.

A: But what if he's right?

B: I guess we'll have to change our plans for tomorrow.

A: That means we can't go to the beach.

B: Only if it rains.

088. What I'm trying to say is...



I. EXAMPLES:

What I'm trying to say is that he is a good husband.

What I'm trying to say is that it's worth buying.

What I'm trying to say is that human nature doesn't change.

What I'm trying to say is that you should think of others.

What I'm trying to say is that smoking is harmful.

II. DIALOGUES:

A: Where did you put my Walkman?

B: I forget.

A: You should be more careful with other people's things.

B: Are you saying I'm careless?

A: What I'm trying to say is that when you borrow something from someone, you should take good care of it.

B: I'm sorry. Please forgive me. I'll try to find it right away.



089. What's the matter with...?



I. EXAMPLES:

What's the matter with him?

What's the matter with your finger? It's bleeding.

What's wrong with this machine?

What's wrong with you, Mum? You look so pale.

What's wrong with your car?

II. DIALOGUES:

A: Your face is so pale. Are you OK?

B: No, I've had a fever for a few days and I am sick to my stomach.

A: What's the matter with you?

B: I think I have food poisoning.

A: What do you think it was from?

B: I had some raw seafood the other day at a Japanese restaurant. Maybe that was it.

090. What would you do if ...?



I. EXAMPLES:

What would you do if you were me?

What would you do if you were in my shoes?

What would you do if you had a lot of money?

What would you do if you failed?

What would you do if the rumors were true?

II. DIALOGUES:

A: Can I ask you a hypothetical question?

B: Sure, go ahead.

A: What would you do if you were given a million dollars?

B: Well, first I'd buy a nice house for my parents to live in and take care of all their financial problems. Then I'd buy a house for my sister and do the same.

A: That's very nice of you.

B: I'd just like to take care of my family as best as I can.